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Local Matters.

"European Breeze."

"European Breeze" by Margery Deane (Mrs. Marie J. Plimms, of this city), has already reached a second edition, evidently finding favor with the book reading public. This book is published by Lee & Shepard, of Boston, and comprises a handsome volume of over 300 pages. Mrs. Plimms disclaims for her book the pretentious title of "Travel," but aims to give, "in the drama of traveling," bits of life, thought, by means of which the reader may be able to gather up and put into print. The volume is written in the plain, conversational style characteristic of "Margery Deane's" newspaper letters, which are widely printed in our best journals. In place of stiff and stately descriptions of Europe's antiquities, with appalling dates and abundant statistics, we are treated to a charming conversation of the scenes and incidents that make up the most attractive part of European travel. We are favored with almost countless paragraphs of life and manners, but by far the best part of the volume is that devoted to Hungary. Here Mrs. Plimms finds a field almost new, and she affords us delightful glimpses of this terra incognita. The strange customs and manners of the Hungarians are portrayed in charming bits of world painting. While the whole book interests, it is this part to which we take pleasure in referring with special commendation. We learn of Hungarian hospitality and civilities; we have a glimpse of the beautiful blue Danube; we traverse the Hungarian capital, the river's proud queen; we wander among the Danubian peasants and gypsies, and find ourselves among the Magyars, before we turn our faces westward, and return with the versatile writer to the shores that look toward the New World.

An Era of Improvement.

Store front improvement is exceedingly popular on Thames street this spring. This week Mr. James H. Hammett has begun a notable change in the front of the block occupied by himself and by Mr. John M. Swan. Plate glass windows replace the former ones, and an additional window is put on the side at each end of the block, thus affording better window display. The front doors are set back, and the block when the alterations are completed will be a credit to the street. The carpenter work is being done by John R. Hammett, Messrs. Savage & Tibbitts at 83 Thames street are remodeling and improving their store front.

Improvements to Commercial Wharf.

Important improvements to Commercial wharf have been begun. The sidewalk is to be moved south several feet, affording a much wider roadway. Gas-pipes are to be laid down the wharf. The roadway is to be covered with 8 inches of stone with a top of 3 inches of crushed stone. On the north side the roadway will be graded simply. The Continental Steamboat company has leased the property it occupies for a term of five years, but John N. A. Griswold, the owner of the wharf, retains the letting of the back stands.

Aquidneck Agricultural Fair.

At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society on Saturday last, it was voted to hold the next fair of the society on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 3, 4 and 5. The committee is already making preparations to hold a fair that shall exceed in attraction all its predecessors.

The Scotch racing cutter Madge, now lying at this port, was admitted free of duty because she was not to be used for commercial purposes. The owner recently desired to give her away, but the government says he can't do it, unless he first pays the entrance duties that were renounced. Our navigation laws account for this peculiar position of affairs, where a man must pay a round sum for the privilege of giving away a foreign-built boat.

Capt. John Waters with his wrecking schooner Young America pumped out the schooner Elisha Gibbs at the Wilkesbarre Pier, Providence, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Michael King, one of the men employed by Capt. Waters, was reported missing Wednesday morning, and it was feared that he had fallen overboard and been drowned. King, however, arrived in this city on the Providence boat Wednesday evening, and stated that he had gone ashore at Providence at 4 o'clock that morning.

The April session of the City Council on Tuesday evening next promises to be uneventful unless the council is struck by lightning in the form of electric light.

In his sermon to an audience that completely filled Kay Chapel Wednesday evening, Rev. Dr. Green, of Providence, spoke in vigorous terms of that all pervading evil—Gossip.

"Middletown is to have a stone crusher," perhaps.

Squadron Notes.

Commander Luce, the commanding officer of the training squadron, has been in Washington for a few days and during his absence on Sunday evening the training ship Saratoga came in from Boston, Mass., where she has been during the winter preparing for a summer cruise to Europe, for which place she will leave on April 5th.

While Commander Luce was in Washington the Minnesota was flag ship, pro tem. The commodore returned on board the New Hampshire at 10:35 Wednesday morning, and at 10:45 his pennant was hoisted at the main and a salute of eleven guns was fired by the Saratoga, and answered by the New Hampshire.

It is rumored that Commander Luce will hoist his pennant on the Portsmouth upon her arrival in this port and go on the summer cruise to Europe returning about Oct. 20.

On Monday at 1:30 P. M., "all hands" were called to muster and Commander Olan E. Clark, read his orders and took command of the flag ship New Hampshire with Lieut. W. McCarty Little as Executive officer. Mr. Little has grown very popular in the training system and has always won the good will of the officers and crew wherever he has been in command, and will stay the crew of the New Hampshire look forward to a bright and pleasant future while they have this polite and gentlemanly officer, Mr. Little, as "Executive."

The Portsmouth is expected here in a few days. The Saratoga has been ordered to New London, but owing to the fact that there are no coals of scotch fever on board it is thought the Secretary of the Navy will revoke the order. She will sail for Europe April 5. She had but five cases of scotch fever on board. They were immediately sent to the Chelsea Hospital at Boston. One has since died the others are doing well.

News reached us from Washington that Newport will be the naval training station. During Commander Luce's stay in this place he has made quite a number of friends and when he leaves here for Europe, their many best wishes will go with him.

Lieut. Simon is ordered to report for duty on the New Hampshire April 1st.

Miss Wayland's Dramatic Entertainment.

Miss Charlotte M. Wayland's Dramatic Entertainment at the Opera House on the evening of Tuesday, April 11, promises to be an unequalled success. The request that she give this entertainment, signed by many of our best citizens, shows that our people appreciate her talents, and are desirous of listening to her a second time. The price of tickets has been placed at 50 and 75 cents, and tickets are now on sale at Caswell, Mayes & Co.'s drug store, at John Rogers' music store, and at H. F. Dowling's drug store on Broadway.

On Tuesday evening last Miss Wayland took a prominent part in the concert and readings at the First church, Springfield, Mass., her native city. The Springfield Republican of Wednesday says: "Miss Wayland's recitations last night show her to possess ability of no common order. Her voice is sweet, flexible and of range; she has good control of her features, a keen dramatic instinct, and no little pluck." Evidently she reads now as she has been told; but she has such intelligence that she can, if she will, develop into a bright and able actress."

The First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist meeting-house after being closed for five months in order to make improvements, will be reopened for services to-morrow morning. There will be services in the morning, afternoon and evening. At the evening services, Rev. Warren Randolph, D. D., and Rev. Frank Root will deliver addresses. A cordial invitation is extended to each of these services. Since the last services were held in it, an addition has been built on its east end, by which the preacher's platform has been greatly enlarged. A baptistry has been built under it, and a room made on each side of it for the use of the pastor, and the other for candidates for baptism. The entire interior of the auditorium has been beautifully frescoed and painted, and it will compare favorably with the finest interior in the State. The carpenter work was performed by David P. Albion, and the decorations by Hayman & Meyer. A beautiful picture, six feet long and four feet wide, has been made by Geo. Mason, who has also newly upholstered the cushions for the pews. Not far from five hundred yards of a most appropriate carpet, furnished by Wm. C. Corzenn & Co., was required for the room, including the choir gallery.

A Presentation to Miss Wayland.

The Newport Artillery Company, as a recognition of Miss Charlotte M. Wayland's kindness in giving her services at the readings in the Artillery lecture course, have made a medal of 22-carat gold, and it is hung on the size of a ten-dollar gold piece. It is hung on a gold pin, and the whole is backed by a crimson satin ribbon. On the pin are the words "Newport, R. I." On the face of the medal are the words "Presented to Miss Charlotte M. Wayland, April 11, 1882," and on the reverse, "N. A. 1741. Justitia Fiat Reus Culum." The whole is enclosed in a neat morocco case. The medal was designed by D. C. Denham.

Prof. J. L. Lincoln, of Brown University, will give in the course of lectures before the Senior class of Rogers High School, at the high school building at 12 o'clock to-day, his lecture entitled "Marcus Aurelius." A cordial invitation to be present is extended to all.

Among the 247 graduates of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Wednesday, was Samuel Parker Cottrell, of this city.

Bishop Clark will administer the right of confirmation at Zion church to-morrow morning at 10:45 o'clock.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Work for Congress and the Naval Committee.

To the Editor of the Mercury—Sir: The probability that the crews of some of our numerous ships of war may contract the yellow fever during the summer seems so natural to me, that I cannot help feeling that it alone can be avoided by the direct interposition of Divine Providence. Unhappily in waters, and touching constantly at ports where it reveals yearly in all its horrid phases, it seems almost impossible that they should escape. As our commerce recovers from its depression and the number of vessels increases, there will be more necessity for some mode of protection from the "dreaded disease."

"Now is the accepted time," Congress has better devote its spare moments to the consideration of this important matter. There is much talk about the navy; and people speak constantly about some great improvement which they expect to take place in that important branch of service. This is as it should be, but we must not let so very great a question rest. Establish a well organized Naval Quarantine, a place to send our ships of war to when afflicted with the yellow fever or any other pestilential plague. The question has often presented itself to my mind, Should the genuine yellow fever break out on one of our cruisers in the summer months where should she go? It would not do to permit the infected vessel to come into any of our commercial towns, and surely not a single seaport town would hail with delight the arrival of a ship infected with a dangerous malarial. How is the case to be met? When a ship's crew is attacked with the yellow fever it is a well known fact that she must rapidly to some healthy, and if possible, cold climate: her crew must be transferred, the well removed from the danger of infection, and the sick taken from the vessel and treated to a salubrious air and as comfortable a hospital as can be procured. The ship must be fumigated, disinfected and cleaned in the most thorough manner, all families be removed, and those of no great value destroyed. I propose that some isolated spot be procured on our northern coast, and a hospital with all its appurtenances be erected thereon immediately. Let the location be as far north as practicable. Such a situation could easily be procured at many points along our northern coast. The ship infected should at once go to this spot and find there everything in readiness for her reception. But few officers and men would have to be detailed for this duty, and a great amount of anxiety and absolute change be removed. The commercial cities would be no longer exposed to this dire affliction from our war ships, and the government free from any responsibility in the spread of so fearful an epidemic about such a misfortune.

Trusting that our Congressmen will turn their attention to this very important subject, and give the "Committee on Naval Affairs" authority to select a proper site, I remain, yours, truly,

V. MORT FRANCIS, M. D.

Newport, March 29, 1882.

The Newport Historical Magazine.

No. 4 of vol. 2 of the Newport Historical Magazine is published to-day. The number contains the second volume, and we speak for this most valuable publication an increased patronage for the year to come. The opening article is an interesting document relating to the original division of lands among the settlers of Conanicut under the act of incorporation in 1678. All will read with interest the vigorous articles of agreement regarding the privateer Deference. The most important contribution in this number is a copy of the will of Robert Taylor, who died in 1702, and who held a large amount of property in Newport. Mr. R. H. Tiley has appended to the will a well written biography of Mr. Taylor. In the line of historical and genealogical publication there are given installments of Newport and Tiverton town records, extracts from Rhode Island colonial records and abstracts from Rhode Island colonial land evidence. The department of "Notes and Queries" and "Editorial Notes" are of unusual interest.

The magazine is published at \$2 a year by the Newport Historical Publishing Co., and is printed at the Mercury office with the usual excellence of typographical work.

Sloop Building.

A few weeks since we announced that a contract had been made by parties in New York with Josiah S. Albion, Jr., of this city, to build a number of miniature yachts to be used upon a pond in Central Park. We looked in at Mr. Albion's workshop a day or two since and found completed a sloop yacht after the model of the celebrated Scotch yacht Madge and bearing her name. She is 4 feet long with 17 inch beam, and 11 inches deep with 28 lbs. lead on her keel.

Another sloop yacht after the model of the Shadow, and bearing her name, is of the following dimensions, viz: Length, 6 feet, breadth, 13 inches, depth, 10 inches, with 40 lbs. lead on her keel. A schooner rigged steam yacht has been sent to New York to receive her boiler and engine. Her dimensions are, length, 6 feet 6 inches, breadth, 10 inches, depth, 9 inches. As yet it is undecided as to her name but it will probably be Corsair or Ideal.

A Marine Disaster.

The steam dredge Brooklyn and nine scows in tow of the tug Luckenbach of New York, and Edith Reed were struck off Point Judith, Tuesday night, by a squall. The tug was broken up, the dredge with twelve men was sunk and the scows floated away. Eleven men from the dredge were picked up and taken to New London. The other one was drowned. The scows were picked up by the Luckenbach Wednesday and taken to Stonington.

It is reported that Mr. Wm. H. Mayer, of Middletown, dislocated his leg by a fall suffered while he was pouncing a few days ago. He will be confined to his house for a fortnight to come.

The closing sermon of the Sunday Evening Winter Course will be given by the Pastor at the Channing Memorial Church to-morrow evening.

LIGHT INFANTRY INSPECTION.

Co. B, 24 Battalion, Makes a Creditable Showing Tuesday Evening.

Owing to the illness of Capt. Jaquet and Lieut. Peckham, the command of Co. B, 24 Battalion R. I. Militia, on the occasion of the annual inspection by Adjutant General Dyer Tuesday evening, devolved on Lieut. Schneider. He was equal to the emergency, however, and carried the Light Infantry through the duties of the evening, in a manner highly commendable to himself and his men. The Adjutant General entered the army at eight o'clock, accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General Hunter C. White, Assistant Quartermaster General S. W. Richardson, and Assistant Judge Advocate General Geo. Lewis Gower, and was received with the customary honors. The space reserved for spectators was fully occupied, and among the invited guests present were Lieut. Gov. Fay, Col. John C. Seabury, of Gov. Littlefield's staff, Collector John H. Corzenn, and Mr. Overton G. Langley. The company, numbering in all 31 men, was at once formed for inspection, and was subjected to close scrutiny, and in point of equipment everything was pronounced satisfactory. The company then went through the various movements of stacking guns, and unloading knapsacks, etc., all of which was done in good time and order. After the inspection (which was over, the company went through the customary drill. The boys showed that they were well up in the tactics, and every evolution was performed in good form.

Lieut. Schneider was complimented for the excellent manner in which he handled his company. Lieut. Gov. Fay made a few remarks, complimenting the company. He said that all the companies had improved under the new organization of the militia. In a short address, the Adjutant General spoke of the company's soldierly appearance and good order, and complimented their absent commander as one of the best captains in the State.

The arms and accoutrements of the company were inspected by Quartermaster General Dennis last week and found in the best of order. The army Tuesday evening presented a cheerful appearance, and was neat and orderly in every respect. The Light Infantry have reason to be well satisfied with their proficiency and good standing, and can be certain of the encouragement and support of our citizens in their efforts to maintain a first rate military organization.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. Philip S. Tugart has returned from New York.

Col. Geo. R. Fearling has returned home from New York.

Miss Emily O. Gibbs, of New York, has arrived at her cottage on Gibbs avenue for the season.

Rev. Dr. Barrows, pastor of the First Baptist church, was taken ill in his pulpit on Sunday last, but his illness was not serious.

Hon. Francis Dingley, of this city, is now the oldest member of the bar in Rhode Island, and certainly the oldest member in practice.

Ex-Gov. Van Zandt left on Wednesday for Washington by way of New York, to be absent from the city a short time.

Miss Tucker, whose mother died so suddenly in New York a few days since, has returned to the Tompkins cottage on Redwood street.

Ensign H. O. Dunn, U. S. N., was in town on Saturday as the guest of Mr. Thos. O. Barler. Mr. Dunn left this week for San Francisco where he will join his ship.

Mr. E. H. Schermerhorn, of New York, will take possession of his cottage on Narragansett avenue to-day. It is understood that Mr. Schermerhorn will make Newport his permanent residence.

Newport's Summer Residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Sands are in London, and James Gordon Bennett is at Pau, France.

At the wedding of Mr. Ogden Mills and Miss Ruth Livingston at Grace church, New York, April 11, the bridesmaids will be Miss Gertrude Hoyt, Miss Estelle Livingston, Miss Ogden and Miss Baylis.

There is a doubtful rumor that millionaire William Waldorf Astor, reacting the criticisms of the existing New York newspapers on his unsuccessful candidature for Congress, has decided to start a new one out of his own pocket.

The schooner yacht Foam, Eastern Yacht Club, owned by Mr. F. Gordon Dexter, Boston, is undergoing a general overhaul at Naugatuck, Conn., and will be ready for sea by the middle of May, with Captain Charles E. Reynolds, of Mystic River, Conn., at the wheel.

Mr. Vanderbilt is now perfectly content to be admired and envied simply as the driver of Mammoth, whom he has just brought to New York. He is to be seen in the park every pleasant afternoon, and is often accompanied by Gen. Grant or Mr. Lorillard, and would rather talk about the turf than anything else.

Army and Navy Notes.

Midshipman Rennie P. Schwin has been detached from the New Hampshire and ordered to the Saratoga.

Commander C. E. Clark has been ordered to the command of the New Hampshire, with Lieut. W. McCarty Little as executive officer.

Capt. H. C. Hasbrouck was absent from Fort Adams this week on a short vacation.

The Powhatan, Capt. E. O. Matthews, at Base Terre, Guadaloupe, March 3, reported all well.

Gunnery T. B. Watkins has been ordered to report on the Minnesota on Wednesday next.

Midshipman Robert K. Wright has been detached from the New Hampshire and ordered to the Portsmouth on the latter's arrival at this port.

The practice vessels Standish and Mayflower are at Annapolis, Md.

Commodore Luce returned from New York Wednesday morning.

The Tallapoosa has taken to Washington a condensed spar-deck battery from the Minnesota.

CORONET COUNCIL, R. A.

Its Fourth Anniversary Observed by an Entertainment Perfect in Every Respect.

The celebration of the fourth anniversary of the establishment of Coronet Council No. 63, Royal Arcanum, at Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening of last week, was enjoyed by the members of the council and their friends. The affair was of about 435. The literary exercises were presided by several very fine selections by the U. S. S. New Hampshire orchestra. A pleasant address of welcome was spoken by the Regent, Thos. P. Peckham. Addresses of congratulation to the council for the purpose of the order were delivered by ex-Gov. Van Zandt, by Past Supreme Regent J. M. Swan, Past Grand Regent S. H. Little, and Grand Regent Chas. F. Loving, of Massachusetts. A very interesting historical sketch of the council was presented by Deputy Supreme Regent Andrew McMahon. During its four years the council had received 12, 79, 36 and 37 members respectively, making a total of 155. The council's first assessment aggregated \$38 43; the last paid, \$317 63. The amount of assessments paid was \$5,793 30. The six regents have been Andrew McMahon, Robert S. Franklin, Jas. T. Wright, John H. Crosby, Jr., David Stevens and Thos. P. Peckham. Gov. Van Zandt said:

A speech to an audience, after each delightful music, was like enveloping them in such conscious as the present he ever permitted his eloquence to be on draught for the benefit of his Newport friends. His attention and interest had been especially called to the practical benefits derived from the instruction. He has always been in life in connection with business many superior social advantages, which rendered it doubly beneficial to society generally. As an institution, it was particularly free from corruption and of dishonesty which had been the base of other insurance companies generally.

Mr. Horatio G. Wood rendered with fine effect and in a highly rhetorical manner the difficult selection "Paradise the Painter" and "The Lay of the Madman." The exercises were enhanced by fine selections by the Schumann Quartette, whose excellent singing was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded. The selections were "Two Roses," "Warner," "March," "The Three Children," "Truth," "A Summer Night," D. Buck, and "Serenade," Otto.

The guests were next invited to the hall below, where an excellent collation was served. Following this, dancing was in order. The participants and spectators were many, and the arduous duties of floor managers were efficiently performed by Messrs. Geo. P. Randall, Thos. Burlingham and Frank G. Harris.

The entire entertainment was admirable, every detail for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests being faithfully looked after. Every member was indefatigable in his efforts to make the occasion a success. The following gentlemen, who comprised the committee of Arrangements, are deserving of special mention: Thos. P. Peckham, Jas. T. Wright, Geo. F. Randall, Thos. Burlingham, J. Frank Parker, Frank E. Thompson, Andrew McMahon, Robert S. Franklin, David Stevens, John H. Crosby, Jr., F. G. Harris and W. J. Cozzens.

An Evening with Longfellow.

A Longfellow Memorial was given by the Literary Society of the First Methodist Episcopal church last Tuesday evening. The programme was arranged after the sad news of the poet's death was received, and reflects great credit on the Executive committee. The songs, consisting of very pretty solos and one selection by the choir, as well as the readings, were Longfellow's poems. Misses Florence Bryer and Alice Banning each played a solo nicely. Mr. Chas. R. Thurston presented an excellent sketch of the poet, of whose pure influence and writings Mr. L. D. Davis afterwards spoke. Mr. Darius Baker read several of the shorter poems of a fine appreciation of their beauty. Mr. Baker was followed by Miss E. Downing, whose reading of the closing scene of Evangeline, was one of the best of the evening. Miss Mary Thurston read in a spirited manner the difficult poem entitled "The Wreck of the Hesperus." Among the other readings were "The Old Clock on the Stairs" by Miss Lillian Potter, "The Star in the Desert Swamp" by E. T. Banning, "Jewish Cemetery at Newport" by Mrs. Peckham, "Paul Revere's Ride" by Miss Rebecca Greene, "The Builders" by J. W. Horton, "Maidenhair" by Miss J. Downing, "The Famine" from Hiawatha, was rendered by Miss Mary E. Banning, who possesses an unusually clear voice, well suited to the selection. The last reading, "The Building of the Ship," was by Mr. F. F. Thurston and fully closed a programme of selections which were all well delivered and show that the society have done faithful work. The chapel of the Central Baptist church, where the exercises were held, was filled by a most appreciative audience who seemed to greatly enjoy the evening.

Real Estate Transfers.

Frank B. Porter & Co. have sold for the executors of the estate of the late Sidney Brooks a lot of land with two small cottages on William street to Richard Lawton for \$5000.

Eugene Sturtevant has sold to Edwin Booth, the actor, 6 acres of land on Indian Point avenue adjoining Mr. Booth's previous purchase of 4 acres, for \$1000 an acre.

The Dodge cottage at Conanicut Park has been sold to City Engineer Jay, of Providence.

Getting His Deserts.

Franz Miller, who attempted to collect through the Kinsley Express a fraudulent draft on Hon. T. Munford Seabury, of this city, payable at the Union National Bank of this city, has been convicted in the Court of Common Pleas at Providence on an indictment for a similar swindle attempted on a Boston Bank, and sentenced to State Prison for five years.

The Fire Department.

The Fire Department was called out during the severe storm of Monday evening, by a burning chimney on Green Lane. The damage was slight.

CHURCH ELECTIONS.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the fourth quarterly conference of this church on the evening of March 24, Rev. Dr. Wheldon, the Presiding Elder, presided, and the following elections and appointments were made for the ensuing year:

Stewards—John O. Braman, William R. Pittman, L. D. Davis, Jere W. Horton, T. Pittman, Darius Baker, T. W. Froehner, Thos. P. Peckham, H. C. Bacheiler, Trustees—John O. Stoddard, John O. Braman, E. F. Downing, William P. Peckham, P. H. Thurston, George H. Kaley, William L. Tiley, William S. Horton. Treasurer—Jere W. Horton. Committee on Missions—L. D. Davis, J. W. Horton, O. H. Lovejoy, T. B. Burdick, T. D. Channing.

On Tracts—William R. Pittman. On Education—Darius Baker, L. D. Davis, Mrs. L. S. Frank. On Church Records—T. P. Peckham. On Music—Darius Baker, T. T. Pittman, T. W. Froehner.

On Estimates—Darius Baker, T. T. Pittman, W. S. Bacheiler.

On Pensions—E. D. Jones, Jr., George R. Lovejoy, Mrs. J. L. Weaver, Mrs. P. Bryer.

Thames-street M. E. Church.

At the quarterly conference on Saturday evening, Dr. Wheldon presided. The elections and appointments for the ensuing year were as follows:

Board of Stewards—Isaac W. Sherman, William J. Holt, Edward Young, Seth Swinburne, C. Fien, William B. Channing, John Glin, George Stansbury. Committee on Missions—Edward Young, John B. Mason, Wm. J. Holt. Committee on Sunday Schools—A. M. Slocum, Charles Dyer, Thomas L. Giffin, F. Young, Mary E. Randall, Mrs. John Clarke, Marietta Lee, Amanda Mason.

Committee on Tracts—Joseph T. Jones, Lillian C. Kenyon, Sarah A. Leavitt, Thos. Martland, J. J. Keny.

Committee on Church Extension—Edward Young, Chas. S. Sherman, Thos. Martland. Committee on Church Records—Wm. H. Randall, John Glin, Thos. Bower.

Committee on Pensions—J. J. Garry, Isaac W. Sherman, Thos. L. Giffin, F. Young, Mary E. Randall, Sarah A. Leavitt. Committee on Music—A. C. Tins, J. J. Garry, A. M. Slocum, Isaac W. Sherman.

Estimating Committee—Isaac W. Sherman, Edward Young, W. J. Holt, A. C. Tins, T. D. Channing, E. D. Jones, Jr., W. H. Randall, J. J. Garry.

Republican Caucus.

At a meeting of the Republican City Committee on Wednesday evening all the members except one were present. An organization was effected by the re-election of Clark H. Burdick, chairman, and John J. Peckham, secretary. Mr. Peckham, having served six years in the position, declined further service, but consented to continue in the office at the unanimous wish of his associates. The committee voted to call a caucus for the nomination of Senator and five Representatives to the General Assembly, at the State House on Monday evening next at eight o'clock. The committee is constituted as follows:

First Ward—Wm. S. Bacheiler, John D. Pike.

Second Ward—J. G. Stevens, Henry E. Turner, Jr.

Third Ward—Clark H. Burdick, John J. Peckham.

Fourth Ward—Christopher M. Lee, Rev. Mahlon Van Horn.

Fifth Ward—Chas. H. Burdick, Albert O. Landers.

A Serious Accident.

Peleg D. White, engineer of Torrent Steam Fire Engine, No. 1, and an employee at the machine shop of the Old Colony Steamboat Co., was quite seriously injured last Wednesday afternoon. He was engaged in removing a locomotive boiler from the wrecking schooner Young America, to Commercial wharf. The boiler had already been landed on the wharf but it became necessary to change its position, and upon raising it for that purpose the chain with which it was slung, parted, and it fell, catching upon the feet of Mr. White, bruising them badly and causing severe abrasions of the skin and flesh, but it was thought no bones were broken. He was taken on board the schooner and a surgeon was sent for who rendered all necessary assistance, after which he was conveyed to his home. Capt. Waters caused everything possible to be done for the injured man's comfort under the circumstances.

The Supreme Court.

On Friday afternoon of last week the Supreme Court adjourned until Monday, May 1. After a partial trial of the case of Abraham T. Peckham and others vs. Daniel W. Goodspeed, for the recovery of an amount alleged to be due on a hay contract, the plaintiffs submitted to a verdict in favor of the defendant. The divorce petition of Mary E. Thomas vs. John W. Thomas was heard and continued; that of Clara S. Davenport vs. Benj. W. Davenport was heard and granted. In the case of Alfred Smith vs. Just Hoell, judgment of \$11,423 65 and costs for plaintiff was given. The case of Geo. A. Brown, Adm'r, vs. Albert Brown and others was continued.

Rentals for the Season of 1882.

By Frank B. Porter & Co.: Admiral A. L. Case's cottage on Catherine street to Col. G. D. Rosenblatt, of Philadelphia; Walter L. Kane's cottage on Bellevue avenue to Morris K. Jessup, of New York; Dr. E. S. F. Arnold's cottage, near the Polo Grounds, to James Sullivan, of New York.

The Henry B. Hazard cottage on Channing street to Mrs. Dr. John G. Peters, of N. Y. York, and Mrs. Edw. T. Snelling, of Boston.

On Monday morning two sons of William Lowe, of Dixon court, William and John, aged 16 and 14 years, went outside in a cab boat to set lobster pots. The wind blew heavily all night. Their empty boat at night was found on Breckon's Reef. It seems certain that the boys were drowned.

Jerome Cox, who is awaiting sentence on an indictment for entering a dwelling-house in Tiverton, to which he pleaded guilty, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$300 with Chas. A. Hamby as surety.

CITY BRIEFS.

Jetties of Newport and Newport.

From *Paradise Lost*: *Book II.*

We mark the *lily* brown *honest* thing,
And droop'd above it with *unconscious* wing.
Close to her *consciousness*, spread wide;
And there, amid the *lilies* trees,
Thou art upon the *morning* breeze
A *song* of *song* in *lily* pride.

Behold *lily*! *lily* messenger of spring,
Wild snow and ice what thou art bring,
What *promise* of the *time* of *flowers*;
We seek to hear thee *whispering* low,
Sweetest the *mantra* of the *now*.
"We soon will *blow* the *long* *light* hours!"

Remember the *ancient* *revelation* of *air*'s
wander, *guided* by *His* *care*
Who *knows* no *weariness* or *sleep*.
In the *burnished* *heart* *ye* *bring*,
Under the *promise* of the *spring*,
God's *promise* *are* to *guide* and *keep*.

Waiting upon the *lilies* *length*,
Giving thy *joyous* *song* *at* *noon*,
Thou *conduct* *heaven* *while* thy *bread*.
Sing on! Thy *music*, *thou* *harvest* through
Life's *web* of *care*, falls *soft* *as* *dew*.
When *will* *lilies* *horns* *bring* *shade* and *rest*!

Behold the *lily*, *the* *leaf*, the *bloom*
arise from *their* *frank*-*concealment* *tomb*.
Then, *prophet*, *herald*, *spring* of *thy* *wings*!
We bid the *weakening* *earth* *rejoice*
Thy *lilies* *are* *and*, *soft* *voiced*,
At the *soft* *coming* *step* of *spring*.

The Epicure's Spring.

None, all the cup, and on the fire of spring
Winter's *quint* *oxygen* of *rejoiceance* *fling*;
The *bird* of *time* has but a *little* *wing*—
Sister—and the *bird* is on the *wing*.
Whether at *Nisibis* or *Babylon*,
Whether the *cup* with *sword* or *bitter* *run*,
The *wing* of *life* *keeps* *drooping*, *drop* by *drop*;
We *heave* of *life* *keeps* *tailing* *one* by *one*.
We *worship* *hope* *men* *set* *their* *hearts* *upon*
urns *hides*, or *it* *prosper* *and* *anon*,
Like *snow* upon the *deer's* *dusty* *face*
Of *gliding* *little* *hour* or *two*—*was* *gone*.
Of *gliding*, that *spring* should *vanish* with the
room!
That *young* *zest* *sweet*-*scented* *manuscript* should
close!
The *nightingale* that in the *branches* *sung*,
A *whence*; and *whither* *flows* *again*, *who*
knows?

Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

Greeting.

I send you *violet*, friend—
Purple and *sweet*;
Do you *remember* *when*
About our *straying* *feet*
Their *subtle* *fragrance* like a *sea* was *flooding*?

Our *world*, your *world* and *mine*
(We *dreamed* *it* *ours*),
Its *shimmering* *sunshine*,
Its *fadeless* *flowers*,
Love and *hate* have *gone* *beyond* our
knowing.

Ah, friend, there is *beyond*
A *life* *complete*,
A *love* that *changes* *not*,
A *joy* so *sweet*
At *life* is *worth* *the* *living* for the *going*.

Some were also good party boys

a special job then on hand. It was an affair of mere secrecy, and an old hand, from another station, would have been given the work, but for being absent on other business. The matter would admit of no delay, and it was imperatively necessary that it was undertaken by some one, not, or seemingly not, belonging to the Melbourne force, in short, I was to do it.

The matter was briefly this: A packet of government papers, of high importance, had been stolen from the messenger to whose care they were intrusted, and from information received, it seemed pretty certain that their present possessor—a man fast becoming notorious in the colony—would be walking toward the city next afternoon, and to prevent his intimate acquaintance with the town enabling him to escape, or any confederates attempting his release, I was to wait by a bridge on the line of road, and about ten miles out of Melbourne, and get the papers from him. The man was by no means to be shot, or, if possible, even hurt; but the papers must be secured. Minute instructions as to his appearance was followed by a pretty plain implication that my career in the force would very largely depend upon my success.

I felt, as may easily be imagined, nothing but high spirits. The prospect of a single-handed encounter with a mob of whose resources I knew nothing, and who might blow my brains out before I had a chance of attack, was not cheering. However, there was nothing for it; it was my last chance, and I must embrace it without shrinking.

Next day, which was Sunday, I accordingly procured a horse from the station, and taking my revolver with me started out to try my luck as a policeman, and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon came near the place mentioned.

I left my horse at the nearest roadside "hotel," sauntered to the bridge, and leaning over the rail with no very distinct notion of how I was going to act, waited for my man with what coolness I could muster.

Two hours had passed, the sun was beginning to go down, and I was just beginning to console myself with the notion the man had got wind of our intention, and gone by another route, when I became aware of the approach of a solitary pedestrian. As he came nearer, I ran over the description of the man I wanted—which I had learned by heart—and at once concluded that this was the individual. He was tall, powerful, uncompromising-looking fellow of about five-and-forty, muscular enough to have lifted me up and thrown me over the bridge into the shining water beneath. I commenced to approach over the bridge as the man walked it—passed him slowly and felt sure it was the man.

After going two or three yards I turned back. Hearing my step, the drover of State documents turned round.

"Well, mate, what is it?"

"Can you oblige me with a pipe of tobacco?" I asked.

"O' yes," handing me his pouch.

"What are you doing about here? You don't look over-brick. 'Broke?"

"Pretty nearly," I replied.

"New arrival, I suppose?"

"Almost."

"Ah! there are too many carpet-baggers flooding Melbourne. Came out expecting to make a pile, got disappointed and don't like to work for your grub, eh? Put a piece of tobacco in your pocket—you'll find it pleasant company on the road."

I nearly emptied the pouch and handed it back, and as the owner put his hand for it I gently slipped my foot behind his heel and pushed him. He tripped and fell splendidly. I was pretty quick in wrestling, and I took hold of the man's throat with my right hand, put my knees on his chest, and with my right hand felt in the breast-pocket of his coat. He struggled violently, but I thought I should succeed. I got my hand on some papers, but as I was drawing them from my pocket the ruffian got hold of my left knee-cap with his left hand, and gave it such a terrible wrench that I believed he had dislocated the joint. I was feeling my hold relax, he suddenly hoisted himself with his right arm, sprang up, caught hold of my wrists, and hurried me to the bridge. Holding me thus, in an iron grip, and glaring fiercely at me he said:

"I see your game; there's only one way of dealing with the police. You'd better tell tales; so it's over you're a youngster."

Resuming his action to the word, he seized my hands, and in the same instant grasped me firmly and hoisted me up.

My last chance seemed to lie in an instant. I had learned at college. As the man raised me, I placed my feet on the brick-work of the bridge, pushed myself back with all my strength, and a little forward, lowered my head, and then fairly twisted under the captor's arm from left to right. My school experience had saved my life for the man let go his hold with a gasp of pain, and, quick as thought, I sprang upon him.

"It's all right, old fellow; take the papers and read them."

I was in the mad excitement of the moment, and remembering my mission, I thought his surrender was only a concession on the part of the ruffian. He lay down on the road in a most undignified fashion, and handed me the papers. The first one that met my eye was a warrant for my arrest.

A Year's Legislation for Women.

Woman suffrage alone that state his progress has been made during 1881, and support the acquisition by a interesting facts. During the year Maine gave women a right to serve on school committees, and enacted that married women may sell and convey real and personal estate, but refused the ballot. Vermont was much more liberal, granting absolutely equality in school affairs, and making women eligible as Town Clerks. Vermont also gave to married women engaged in business all commercial rights enjoyed by their husbands. Massachusetts legislators were still hard of heart, only removing a few restrictions upon school suffrage, but the old enthusiastic champions of political rights for women believe that the old Bay State must soon yield. In Rhode Island a school suffrage amendment passed the House, but was beaten in the Senate after a warm debate. Connecticut reversed this position of the two houses, the Senate only passing a school suffrage bill. In New York a liberal interpretation was put upon the school law passed by the previous Legislature, and a bill forbidding any attempt to deny the rights of women to vote was beaten, receiving 59 votes, six less than the requisite number. Ohio did nothing on the matter, but Indiana made amends by passing a constitutional amendment giving suffrage to both sexes alike by an emphatic majority. However, before this amendment becomes effective, it must pass a second Legislature and be ratified at the polls. Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri did nothing for woman suffrage, and little for the cause of temperance. A woman suffrage amendment, already passed by the preceding Legislature, was killed in Wisconsin by a close vote, and after prolonged discussion. The Iowa Legislature granted to women the right of holding the office of County Recorder.

A bill giving full suffrage to woman was also passed by the House, but was beaten in the Senate by a close vote. Then the Senate passed a bill giving school suffrage to women, but the House failed to act upon it. Nebraska legislators gladly granted school suffrage to all, and then as willingly passed a constitutional amendment granting equal suffrage to women. This, it is thought, will go forward to final success. Kansas defeated a similar amendment in the Senate, after passing it in the House. In Colorado great interest was excited by an equal suffrage bill, but after getting through the Senate, the measure was killed in the House. In Oregon wives were placed upon an equality with their husbands in matters pertaining to personal rights and property, and the care of children. A constitutional amendment giving suffrage to women was also passed without solicitation, and by a fair majority. Finally, that the Territories might not be wholly without part in the year's work, Arizona gave to women school suffrage and the right to hold all offices for which they are permitted to vote.

Religion Caricatured.

An extraordinary and disgraceful religious excitement, injurious alike to personal character, public morals and religious truth, has just subsided in the village of North Lewisburg, Ohio, where for a considerable time it had been raging among a part of the Methodist congregation and other persons whom their ravings had misled. Without going into the details of this craze, it is enough to say that it was from first to last a disgusting exhibition of human frailty and nearly resulting in the murder of the parson's wife by her own husband and his fellow fanatics in the frenzy which this prophecy of her death had kindled in them. While they were gathered about her the presiding elder who had been summoned from a neighboring town arrived and put a stop to the proceedings, exclaiming in righteous wrath: "It's the work of the Devil. There is no religion about this humbugery. By your disgraceful actions you have put the Methodist Church in this town back twenty years. Get out of here, every one!" Gradually the persons involved in this affair recovered their reason and many of them are deeply mortified at the approach they have brought upon their church and community.

A well dressed, but apparently rural gentleman, who dined sumptuously and in solemn grandeur at one of our hotels the other day, was presented by the waiter, on concluding his repast, with the usual finger bowl with thin slice of lemon floating about in it. After viewing the utensil for a few moments, he raised it to his lips and took a deep draught from it. A look of profound disgust succeeded this exploit, and with the muttered remark, "Well, that's the damndest weak lemonade ever I see!" he filled his vest pocket with toothpicks and hurried for the outer air.

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